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SUBJECT: WNINTEL GROOVY TARTUKOVIC

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REF: EAVA 60982, 12 DECEMBER 1984

TROM U.S. PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING SUBJECT: SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED AT HIS HOME IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON 14 NOVEMBER 1984 AFTER A RENEWED EXTRADITION REQUEST WAS FILED BY THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT. SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN HELD WITHOUT BAIL, MOST RECENTLY AT THE LONG BEACH NAVAL HOSPITAL. A FEDERAL MAGISTRATE IN LOS ANGELES RECENTLY RULED THAT ARTUKOVIC WAS COMPETENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH HE COULD BE RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA TO STAND TRIAL. THE DEPORTATION HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR 9 APRIL 1985. IN THE MEANTIME, ARTUKOVIC'S ATTORNEYS HAVE FILED A MOTION TO HAVE THE EXTRADITION CASE AGAINST HIM DISMISSED. ARGUMENTS ON THE DISMISSAL MOTION ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 FEBRUARY.

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